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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: COINS Network Improvement

    1. Mr. Van Foster briefed the attendees (Attachment) at
a meeting on 18 June 1973 on the activity of the COINS Communica-
tions Working Group (CCWG). Specifically the CCWG is charged
to improve the communications system by making the COINS inter-
active and thereby improve the response time.

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    3. The gut issue, I believe, revolves around the overall
system user requirements. That is the projections of number of
files and number of users on the system 2, 3 or 5 years hence.
This will directly impact upon the communications required for
the COINS network; i.e., type of IMP and communication channel
bandwidth. The concept of centralized vs. distributed data
bases is also an integral part of this issue. Also involved
is the relationship between COINS and IDHS (Intelligence Data
Handling System) and the World Wide Military Command and Control
System (WWMCCS). These issues were not addressed by the ASD/I
COINS Evaluation Review Group. Therefore the basic problem is
not in my mind to make the present system interactive (in 18 to
24 months) but what is the projected configuration and use of
the system for the future and the resultant communications re-
quired. These questions should be addressed prior to approving
the COINS communications plan.

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